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HARD FIGHTING

MacArthur Closing in on the Rebel Stronghold.

THE INSURGENTS

USING ARTILLERY The Their Shots Poorly Aimed and Do

Little Damage.

THE ENEMY ENTRENCHED

Lawton's Brigade Fails to Reach the Seene-Communication With

Him Cut Off.

JUST OUTSIDE THE TOWN

Manila, April 26, (Noon)-General Wheaton's command, the Kansas and Montana volunteers, repaired the bridge over the Bagbag River this moring. The volunteers then crossed and attacked the Filipinos in the trenches, and after a short but sharp fight forced the enemy into Calumpit. The artillery is now shelling the town, and it is only a question of time when General MacArthur's troops will capture the city. A small river and another trench still intervene between the Americans and Calumpit. General Hale's brigade holds the flank-

ing position on the right. The American loss in this morning's fight was three killed and three wounded. The Filipino loss was small, as they were well protected by their earthworks, Rebels Using Artillery.

Manila, April 26 (7 p. m.)-The fighting around Calumpit continued this afternoon. General MacArthur advanced his men as far as the Calumpit Church, just outside the town. The rebels are strongly entrenched on the outskirts of the town from which they are fighting the American troops, They are also in force on the opfrom which position they are also firing on our troops. The rebels for the first time since the out-break of hostilities. They fired Gamrun, is a seaport of Persia, Province shrapnel from several guns in the trenches, but the shot burst over the heads of the Americans, and of Korman, but lately forming a part of the Muscat dominions, near the mouth of the Muscat dominions and the mouth of the mouth of the Muscat dominions and the mouth of the m

so far have done no damage. Telegraph Wires Cut.

General Otis finds it impossible to maintain telegraphic communication with General Lawton. Small bands of the enemy cut the wires as fast as the Signal Corps can erect them. For this reason it is impossible to give General Lawton's exact position today. General Otis believes, however, that he has reached a point very close to Calumpit, and will be heard from in that direction very

The news from the scene of action in the Philippines today, although it arouses satisfaction at the War Department, is given different interpretation by different army officers. The general plan still seems to be to make haste slowly in the attack on Calumpit in order that Lawton may have time to reach the territory north of the city and to do his share in cutting off the retreat of the rebels when they shall have been routed. The success of this move is problematical, however.

The failure to maintain telegraphic communication with him is a grave disappoint, and discredits to some degree the report yesterday received by General Greely, to the effect that General Otis can reach any officer at the front, no matter how near the enemy, in fifteen minutes time. Lawton may succeed in cutting off the rebels' retreat, but, as one officer who has had Indian experience, puts it: "We tried to cut off Geronimo's retreat for two years. Those Filipinos are like a covey of quail. They are not readily surrounded. They are a terrible foe, for they do not fear death nor do they besitate to burn their homes and drag their families with them." That Calumpit will be taken whenever desired is conceded, the only desire being to make the victory as crushing as

A SPANISH REPORT.

Luna Said to Have Succeeded Agul naldo in Command. Manila, April 26.-Reports from Spanish

sources state that General Antonia Luna has succeded Aguinaldo. Luna has threatened death to all na-

tives in whose possession the American proclamation, recently issued by the Philippine Commission, may be found.

MANILA NEWS VIA MADRID. Spaniards at Baler Still Fighting the

Filipinos. Madrid, April 26 .- A dispatch from Manila says that the besieged Spanish garrison at Baler, on the east coast of Luzon continues to hold out against the Filipinos.

The dispatch also says that General Otis
has requested the Spanish to hold the isiand of Mindanao until the American arrive.

CAPTAIN COGRLAN'S CASE.

He Intended to Disrespect, and Will Be Simply Reprimanded. The following bulletin was issued by the

Navy Department this afternoon: "Captain Coghlan has replied to the department, stating that the newspapers have not reported him with substantial accuracy. Also, that he intended no disrespect or contempt to the German flag and is extremely sorry that any such interpretation was put upon his remarks. Proper reprimand will be sent and such action taken in respect thereto as I

SENSATION IN BERLIN.

Kaiser Holding Secret Conclaves With His Ministers. Berlin, April 25.-A sensation has bee aused here by the fact that Emperor William, during his four days' stay at Wart burg Castle, in the Thuringer Wald, ha once left the castle and has made no hunting trips, though this is his custor at Wartburg in the spring on account of the good boar shooting. Instead the Em-peror has been working constantly with Count Wolff and Herr Motternich of the oreign office.

This official activity coincides with th Coghlan incident in the United States.

DID KAUTZ WRITE THIS?

Alleged Letter From the Rear Admiral Received in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, April 26.—Mrs. Lindley, at present a guest at the Hotel Alms, Walnut Hills, received a letter yesterday afternoon from Rear Admiral Kautz, at present in charge of the American fleet at Apia, Samoa. Mrs. Lindley, who is the wife of Col. C. N. Lindley, is a favorate cousin of the Admiral. The letter is as follows:

cousin of the Admiral.

The letter is as follows:

United States Flagship Philadelphia.

Apia, Samoa, March 23, 1829.

My Dear Cousin—I have only time to tell you that I am very basy, and that I was glad to get your letter of February 9. You will probably read a let of stuff about me in various newspapers, but I can assure you that I am all right, and have done nothing that I or my friends may be ashamed of, unless it is the making of a king, which I was obliged to do today, but he is a very inoffensive sort of a young fellow, a native, 19 years of age. He wears a French admiral's cocked hat, but no shoes or stockings or trousers. Still, considering the torrid weather, he looks very well in this clumate. But I hardly think he would look so well on Fourth street, in Cincinnati.

I am not a king here, but just a plain "boss of the ranch." The German consul had that position up to my arrival; since then he has been a very silent partner. I am very much alraid he does not like me; in fact, I am not at all popular here with the Germans. But I am all right with them. I have no doubt of being sustained by the Government in all I have dous.

I hope to get away from here in a month.

deng.

I hope to get away from here in a month from this time, but I will not be in San Francisco before the middle of May. You will get the main facts about what has transpired from the newspapers. With love to the Kentucky colonel and yourself, your cousin,

ALBERT KALTZ.

P. S. Address me care Navy Pay Office, San Francisco. I was in error about the shoes and trousers of his royal highness. At the last moment his advisers prevailed upon him to put on both—just for this occasion only.

A. K.

RUSSIA IN PERSIA.

vantages on the Gulf. Bombay, April 26 .- "The Times of In dia" says it learns from an "unimpeachable source" that Russia has secured an interest on the Persian Gulf sufficient to posite bank of the Rio Grande, give her the right to take possession of it

whenever she choses. It is added that this information con direct from Teheran, and it is believed the of Korman, but lately forming a part of derstanding because the former insisted upon establishing a coaling station within the territory of Muscat, otherwise the Sul tanate of Oman, which is under British protection. The authority of the Sultan,

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Constantly Takes Stimulants to Keep

however, does not extend far beyond

Up His Strength. Rome, April 26.-The Pope is feeling the effects of his recent exertions, patricularly in attending the services in St. Peter's, and takes a glass of cordial every two hours. Without the stimulant, His Holiness would collapse. His audiences are limited to fifteen minutes and after each one the Pope retires to rest.

The Vatican authorities think now that

the likeliest successor to Leo is Car-dinal Girolamo Maria Gotti, of Genoa, a Carmelite monk. He is distinguished for learning and piety.

YELLOW FEVER IN HAVANA.

Another Case Reported to General Brooke Today.

Havana, April 26 .- One more case of yelow fever is reported to the military authorities today.

Indefinite information was received at army headquarters this morning that an oldiers last night.

The strike among the laborers in the Quartermasters Department has been par

THE MISSING BOAT'S CREW.

Fate of Lieutenant Gilmore and His Men Still Unknown.

Every day that passes without word from Admiral Dewey about the missing detachment from the Yorktown, under command of Lieutenant Gilmore, sads to the apprehension that serious trouble has overtaken them. Had the crew not been killed, but simply held as prisoners, it is thought communication would have been opened before this and their condition learned. Admiral Dewey is believed to learned. Admiral Dewey is believed to have taken every practicable measure for liscovering the fate of the men.

discovering the fate of the men.

Mrs. Gilmore, the wife of Lieutenant
Gilmore, one of the missing men, has been
prostrated by the suspense. The friends
and relatives of the enlisted men who were in the party are equally concerned, and are appealing to the Navy Depart-ment for information. Some definite in-formation from Admiral Dewey removing the mystery surrounding the strange div. appearance of the party is expected to be eceived within a few days.

Train Collision in Buffalo. Buffalo, N. Y., April 26.-A New York

Central engine last night ran into the Eric passenger and freight train known as the "Moonbeam," at the intersection of the two roads in this city. It struck one of the freight cars and cut it clean in two. The locomotive was derailed, and badly damaged. About 100 passengers in the Eric coaches were shaken up but no one was seriously injured.

Flynn's Business College, 8th and K \$5 Census Office Examination \$5 Libbey & Co., the only lumber yard in town that sells blinds at \$1.00 per pair

THE PRESIDENT MUCH IMPROVED

Mr. McKinley Visits Mr. Hobart's Residence.

A Very Busy Day at the White

All in Readiness for the Trip Philadelphia-Secretary Porter Calls.

The neuralgia which has caused Presi lent McKinley so much annoyance during the past few days, relaxed this morning and he is now enjoying his usu ley took a walk through the White Hou ds, and over to the Vice President' residence, to enquire after Mr. Hobart's condition. Mr. Hobart continues to impersons who visited the Executive Man-sion today. He is busy disposing of such business as cannot be deferred until his re-turn from Philadelphia.

The President's party will leave the prove. Mr. McKinley saw few of the many

turn from Philadelphia.

The President's party will leave the Pennsylvania depot for the Philadelphia monument unveiling tomorow morning between 3 and 10 o'clock, by special train. Those-who will accompany Mr. McKinley are: Mrs. McKinley, Secretaary and Mrs. Gage, Secretary Hitchcock, Capt. Algernon Sartoris, a grandson of General Grant; Assistant Secretary Cortelyou, and Stenographer Rudolph Foster. Mrs. U. S. Grant and her grandfaughter. Rosemary Sartopher Rudolph Foster. Mrs. U. S. Grant and her granddaughter, Rosemary Sarto-ris, who will unveil the monument. left Washington this afternoon. The party will reach Philadelphia tomorroy at 12:30. The ladies of the party will be driven direct to the Bellevue Hotel and quartered in the apartments used by the President during the Peace Jubilee. Mr. McKinley and his friends will be es-

Mr. McKinicy and his friends with one scorted to the same hotel by the First City Troop of Philadelphia, where the party will be served with an elaborate lunch.

At 3 o'clock the President will proceed to Fairmount Park, to attend the unveiling ceremonies. Mr. McKinicy will not take a service of the programme. take an active part in the programme. When he arrives at the grounds and steps from his cariage the Naval Reserve will fire a salute of twenty-one guns in his

honor.

At 6 o'clock a banquet will be tendered the Presidential party by the Union Lague. Later the party will attend the commemoration services to be held in the Academy of Music. Mr. McKinley will remain in Philadelphia over night, and Friday. day morning visit the United States cruis

The special train will leave for Washing some time during the evening. President McKinley this morning received a letter from Los Angeles, Cal., asking him to touch the button, for the opening of the free harbor jubilee to celebrate the drop-ping of the first stone for the breakwater

to be constructed an San Pedro, on the 26th Instant.

The President this afternoon sent a dispatch to the managers of the jubilee, announcing that he declared the first stone

nouncing that he declared the first stone fallen and expressing his approbation of the work being done. This will answer as touching the button.

W. L. Utley, General Manager for the Virginla and District Encampment of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, called to confer with the President in reference to changing the date of the encampment from June 6, 7, and 8 to one week later. Mr. McKinley has promised to attend the opening exercises on June 7, Mr. later. Mr. McKinley has promised to at-tend the opening exercises on June 7. Mr. Utley asked him if he could conveniently Utley asked him if he could conveniently postpone his visit to the date desired. Upon the President's decision will depend the time of the encampment. Mr. McKinley received Mr. Utley late in the afternoon, and has not yet made his decision, in consequence of a number of engagements for the future.

The Daughters are desirous of postpon-ing the encampment for one week in Go-der not to conflict in any way with the

Arrrangements for the reunion are pro-Arrangements for the reunion are pro-gressing and every day adds some new feature to the already elaborate pro-gramme. The two immense canvas tents which were used by the Christian En-deavor Societies during the convention in Washington two years ago, have been se-cured by the Daughters and will be used as headquarters for the different delegations, as well as for dining halls and au

ditoriums for speaking.

John Addison Porter, Secretary to the President, who has been ill with nervous prostration for three weeks, drove to the White House this morning, in company with Mrs. Porter, to pay his respects to the President.

Mr. Porter is much improved.

STRATHERS' LAST HOPE GONE. President McKinley Declines to Ex-

tend Clemency. Belva Lockwood, in company with two

olored preachers, called at the White House this morning to intercede with the President in behalf of William Strathers, who is soon to be hanged for the murder She made in impassioned plea and said

that she regretted the fact that she had declined to defend Strathers in court and pleaded for the commutation of his sentence declined to defend Strathers in court and pleaded for the commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment. She based her argument almost entirely on the ground that capital punishment is a relie of the barbarous ages and should have no place in modern civilization. She emphasized the fact that several of Strather's relatives have died of insanity.

The netition for Strather's pardon had

The petition for Strathers' pardon had been adversely reported upon by Attorney General Griggs, Justice Bradley and Dis-trict Attorney Davis, and President McKinley had already intimated that he did not intend to interfere with the course of justice. Mr. McKinley, however, prom-

ised Miss Lockwood that he would take the case under consideration. Late this afternoon the President de-clined to interfere in the Strathers case.

Chester May Get a Shippard. Chester, Pa., April 26.-There has been rumor on the streets of Chester for several days that some of the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company were in-terested in the construction of a new ship-yard in addition to the Morse combination

Warning the Carlists

Correa, Spain, April 28.—"El Espanol," a Carlist organ here, warns the Carlista not to continue their agitation and to refuse to join in the distribution of seditions leaflets and posters. It says Don Carlos has not yet given the signal for an upris-ing and until then his followers should resi

Dewey Day in Dewey's State. Northfield, Vt., April 26.—Dewey Day, May 1, will be observed here by breaking ground for Dewey Hall, which is to be built at Norwich University as a testimonial to Admiral George Dewey. It is expected that Capt. Charles A. Clark, who commanded the battleship Oregon on her famous trip from San Francisco iast year, will take part.

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MR. REED SAILS FOR EUROPE.

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1899.

Deaves American Phores With Distinguished Fellow-Passengers.

New York, April 16.—A distinguished party of saloon passengers sailed today in the American liner New York, including Richard Croker, Bormer Speaker Thomas B. Reed, Sir Julian Pauncefote, British Ambassador to the United States; Mrs. Emma Eames-Btoy, Sir Tatton Sykes, Lady Mary Sackville, Duke Gastano Caracciolo, of the Italian Embassy at Washington, and the Countess de Bremont.

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Much interest is attached to the departures of Mr. Croker and Mr. Reed. The Tammany leader is the subject of special attention by reason of Mr. recent arraignment before the Mark in estigating commission, and the fac. t. up he is still under subpoena. He was accompanied by his aister, Mrs. Warsen, and oil spend most of his time abroad in Mr. inad looking after his horses. He will plant the last week in August, in response to the Marci subpoena.

poens.

Mr. Reed is taking a vacation preparatory to entering upon his new career as a metropolitan lawyer.

Just before sailing for Europe this moraing ex-Speaker Reed held a long conference at the Manhattan Hotel with Congressman Sherman, the New York candidate for the Speakership of the next House of Representatives. The purport of the consultation could not be learned, but it is helieved to have a bearing on Mr. Sheris believed to have a bearing on Mr. Sher man's Speakership aspirations.

NO SENATOR FROM DELAWARE. Governor Tunnell Will Not Fill the

Dover, Del., April 26 -- In refe he appointment of a Senator to fill the vaancy caused by the failure of the leginlaure to elect a successor to Senator Gray,

"I have given the matter no considera-tion whatever, and there is no probability of my appointing a Senator. I hardly think it would be worth while to take such ac-tion for the reason that if I should ap-point he could serve only until the next session of Congress, and would then have to run his chances of being seated or turned down. So far as Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania, establishing a precedent in this respect is concerned, I do not think it will hold, as decisions have been in vogue for many years and it is hardly porbable that the Senate will now reverse its opinion in this particular case.

URGED TO RUN FOR CONGRESS. Mr. Tapp, of Wichita, May lie a Popnlist Candidate.

Wichita, Kan., April 26 .- J. W. Tapp, the anti-bloomer fusion Salvation Army candidate for mayor of this city, who was defeated at the recent election, has received hundreds of letters from the counties comprising the seventh district, urging him to stand for the Populist nomination for Concress in 1900. Tapp will probably decide to enter the race. The Seventh is the district which Jerry Simpson represented in Congress.

dows into an airshaft. In descending she turned several somersaults, and landed on her back on a mattress, which broke the force of the fall and saved her life.

The child's mother saw her fall and beame hysterical. When several of the neighbors went to the bottom of the shaft

of Cleveland, formerly general master car-builder of the Lake Shore Road.

builder of the Lake Shore Road.

There has been much speculation as to whether Cornelius Vanderbilt, sr., would approve of his son's promotion. The two have not been on good terms since the young man's marriage. The appointment of Mr. Waitt makes it plain that Mr. Vanderbilt did not wish his son to be made superintendent. The young man is a mechanic in the yards.

BRONZE AND BRASS COMBINE.

apitalized at \$5,200,000 to Control the Country's Trade. Pittsburg, Pa., April 26 .- The Standard Metal Company, having for its object the ontrol of the output of the United States n manufacture of car journal bearings and cialties generally, has just been formed by Darr, Moore & Bryden, brokers, with a capital of \$5,200,000 Gen. Charles Miller, of Franklin, will be

at the head of the new combine.

The concerns that have been taken in the combination are the Damascus Bronze Company, of Pittsburg; Paul S. Reeves & Son, Philadelphia; E. Blunt Manufactur. ing Company, of Newark, N. J.; Brady Metal Company, of Jersey City, N. J.; Buffalo Brass Company, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Fulton Iron and Engine Works, of Detroit Mich.: United States Bronze Company, of Cleveland; Hewitt Manufacturing Company, of Chicago; Miwaukee Brass and Copper Company, of Hilwaukee; Moore & Co., of St. Louis.

Relief for a Stranded Schooner. Atlantic City, N. J., April 26.-The two asted schooner Julia A. Berkele, in balmasted schooler Juna A. Berkele, in hal-last, Captain Hubbs, bound from New York to Norfolk, ran aground on a bar off Ocean City about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Signals of distress were an-swered by the life saving crews at both Ocean City and Great Egg Harbor sta-tions. The vessel was floated at 2:30

clock in the afternoon with but slight damage, and proceeded on its way. A New Swindling Game. Shippensburg, Pa., April 26.-Another windler has made his appearance in Franklin county. He has been calling on a number of young women-and telling them hat he wanted to arrange for them to that he wanted to arrange for them make flowers for a Shippensburg milliner, at the same time selling them a block for shaping the flowers for \$1.59, which he collected in advance. An instructor was to call the following day and deliver the block, but he falled to do so.

Watch for a town. Chagren Heights, D. C. Libbey & Co., the any place where you can get clear dround points for 2c each.

COMPLETION OF THE GAS COMPANY DEAL

Circular to the Stockholders Received Today.

The Purchaser Desires All Shares Offered at 86:.

ount Involved Nearly \$8,000,000 Stevens Syndiente Supposed to Be the Buyer.

olders of the Washington Gas Light company, signed by the directors and printhe sale of the stock to a purchaser, name ot given, for \$60 a share, was issued this norning. Its provisions are similar to those forecasted in The Times heretofore.

The circular differs from that recently ssued to stockholders of the Metropolitan and the Columbia roads, in that no purchaser is named. The gossip of the street syndicate is behind the offer

Following is the wording of the circula

in full:

Philadelphia, April 24, 1899.

To the Stockholders of the Washington Gaslight Company, of Washington, D. C.:

The undersigned committee, acting on behalf of such of the stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company as may vote wift them, have cotered into an agreement in relation to the sale of the shares of the capital stock of the company on the terms following. The agreement is dated April 3, 1899, and has been deposited with the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadei.

Jerry Simpson represented in Congress.

A PLUM TREE FOR QUAY.

Cousin of the Senator Commemorates His Triumph.

Phoenixville, Pa., April 26.—Harry Pennypacker, of the famous Moore Hall farm, and a cousin of Senator Quay, planted a plum tree in honor of his distinguished relative's triumph over his political enemies last week. Many friends and neighbors were present at the feremony.

Mr. Pennypacker lives not far from the Charlestown Presbyterian Church, of which Quay's father was at one time pastor.

TOT UNHURT BY A LONG FALL.

Bropped From a High Window and Landed on a Mattress.

New York, April 26.—Edna Irwin, five years old, who lives on the fourth floor of 237 East One Hundred and Twenty-eightt Street, yesterday fell from one of the windows into an airshaft. In descending she turned several somersaults, and landed on her back on a mattress, which broke the force of the fall and saved her life.

The child's mother saw her fall and became, bysterical. When several of the

The committee believes that \$60 pe came hysterical. When several of the neighbors went to the bottom of the shaft they were surprised to find the youngster alive and laughing. Beyond a few slight scratches she had not been injured.

YOUNG VANDERBILT CHECKED.

Not Given a Vacant Superintendency by His Father.

New York, April 26.—Cornelius Vander-bilt, fr., is not to succeed William Buchanan, who for fifty years had been superintendent of motive power and rolling stock of the New York Central Railroad, as the place was given yesterday to A. M. Waitt, of Cleveland, formerly general master carbuilder of the Lake Shore Road.

There has been much recombination of the sale for the sale of their cosharcholders. They have thoroughly protected the rights of the shareholders by the agreement, and without unduly urging that others should unduly urging that others should not be sale of their cosharcholders. They have theroughly protected the rights of the shareholders by the agreement, and without unduly urging that others should not be sale of their cosharcholders. They have there on the sale of their cosharcholders. They have thoroughly protected the rights of the shareholders by the agreement, and without unduly urging that others should unduly urging that others should not be sale of their cosharcholders. They have thoroughly protected the rights of the shareholders. They have thoroughly protected the rights of the shareholders. They have thoroughly protected the rights of the shareholders. They have there are observed to be sale of their cosharcholders. They have there was the rights of the shareholders at that price, and have no heast law in the price is a table of their own steck at that price, and have no heast law it in the price is a fair price for the sale of their cosharcholders. They have theroughly protected the rights of the shareholders. They have the out of the rights of the shareholders. They have theroughly protected the rights of the shareholders. They have theroughly protected the rights of the shareholders. They have theroughly protect

where access can be use to complete the complete that the provisions.

Any stockholder residing in Washington or its vicinity can hand his stock to John R. McLean, at the office of the company, to be transmitted without expense to the stockholder, and procure the temporary receipt, which will be issued by the bank for the stock.

Receipts will be issued by the bank to the stockholders for their stock when and as deposited in a form which will make the receipt transferrable and negotiable. It is desirable that the stock should be deposited by such stockholders as wish to dispose of it with as little delay as possible, and we would therefore ask, if you approve of the sale, that you will transmit or deliver your stock as soon as convenient. You will find herewith form of assignment of your stock, which you will please execute and send with your stock to the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadelphia.

JOHN R. McLEAN,
JOHN C. BULLITT,
JOSEPH G. ROSENGARTEN,
JOHN F. RODGERS,
JAMES W. ORME,
Committee.

The total capital stock of the gas com-

The total capital stock of the gas com pany is 130,000 shares which at \$50 a share would cost the syndicate \$7,800,000. It is understood that a majority of the stock has already been pledged to the sale and that the deal is therefore certain, beyond any reasonable doubt. Mr. McLean, Mr. Bulley

reasonable doubt. Mr. McLean, Mr. Builitt, and Mr. Orme are all very heavy holders of stock and have always been able to control the affairs of the company absolutely up to the present time.

This sale of the Washington Gas Company, one of the oldest and best-known corporations in Washington, and one of the richest, to the Stevens syndicate if the syndicate is in reality the purchaser, adds syndicate is in reality the purchaser, adds another tremendous franchise to those already controlled by it and as a matter of fact disposes of nearly all the natural franchises of the District to this one group of capitalists. The Capital Traction Company now alone remains of the street rail-roads to be purchased, and all of the light-

ing companies have been secured.

Little is known as to the reasons of the prominent stockholders of the gas company for selling. On several occasions in the past attempts have been made to buy out the company, but they have all failed. out the company, but they have all failed. It is said in the Street today that Mr. Mc-Lean intends to visit Europe in a short time for a long period, and that he did not care to be worried with the affairs of his company during his absence, especially as such a high price was obtained for the atock—three times its par value. It is also suggested that Mr. McLean may possibly be interested in the purchase himself, or in the syndicate, as one of its capitalists, but nothing in confirmation of this rumor is to be learned.

The Eddington sale of valuable and unique fur-niture takes place at Sloan's, 1407 G Street, to-day, tomorrow, and Friday, at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. each day. Catalogues ready.

Libbey & Co. sell the best \$1.50 floor

PLEADING FOR MRS. GEORGE. Counsel Welty Resumes His Argument for the Defence.

Canton, Ohio, April 28.—John C. Welty resumed his plea to the jury in behalf of Mrs. George this morning. He earnestly argued the case with the jury. If the evi-dence waranted a first degree verdict, he

said, the defendant asked no mercy.

He explained that the jury, under the law, could acquit or find her guilty of anything from first degree murder to assult and battery. But the man who voted for first degree, he said, would be guilty of legal murder. Mr. Welty made light of the revolver testimony.

"Grant has said this revolver is the real arbiter in the case." Welty eried, dramatically holding the weapon aloft. "So say I. If you find that Mrs. George owned this weapon find her guilty." He showed that the revolver had a number, but the State had not traced its ownership.

State had not traced its ownership.
"Why did it not?" asked Welty. "The
State had it long enough."
Mr. Welty argued that Mrs. George's actions before the murder were not those of
one bent on murder. She would not have sought him with a policeman nor gone to the judge to have the injunction against her lifted if she had contemplated mur-

ORDER FOR COTTON PRESSES.

Rending Iron Company decures

Reading, Pa., April 26.-The Reading iron Company received orders yesterday for seven cotton presses, to cost \$25,000 each. The presses were ordered by companies in Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, North and

South Carolina.

A press built here some time ago packed i, 630 hales of cotton in ten bours and holds the record for fast work.

HOLDING UP A MAYOR. Reading, Pa., Councilmen Refuse to

Confirm Appointments. Reading. Pa., April 26.-Select council was in session until a few minutes of 12 clock Monday night, considering Mayor Leader's police appointments. The mayor sent in early in the evening the same list that he submitted on April 3, when he was inaugurated, with some half a dozen changes.

changes.

The council, by a party vote, refused to confirm the appointments, but decided to meet next Monday evening again, in the hope of being able to effect a compromise.

HIS MOTHER A MURDERESS.

Son's Awful Confession Regarding Two Deaths. Pana, Ill., April 26.-Young Henry Bruot, who is confined in the county jail for the murder of his aunt. Jane Brunot. and putting her body in a well, made his second confession yesterday, implicating his mother, Anna Brunot. Mrs. Bruno: was arrested together with her son and her affianced husband, Frederick Sibley, last Friday, but was released. Young bru-not said his mother knew his sister-in-law's body was in the weil and showed him and Sibley where to dig earth to fill

the well. Brunot also admitted having bought arsenic for his mother a few days before his father died some three years ago. Two days after giving her the drug his father collapsed at the dinner table and his death followed in a few moments. His mother, he said, received \$2,000 insurance.

LONG TRAMP FROM THE WEST. Husband, Wife, and Two Sous Walk

East From Kentucky. Philadelphia, April 26.-After walking istance of 560 miles from Kentucky, Charles Roberts applied at the Camden City Hall last night for lodgings. He was accompanied by his wife aged fifty-two years, and two sons, aged seven and four-teen years, respectively. Roberts had been a resident of Kansas for the past seven years, but started for Merchantville, N. J.

where he formerly resided.

When he and his family reached Kentucky their funds gave out and they tramped the balance of the way to Cam-

EXPECTED TO PLEAD GUILTY. hief Wilkie's Belief Regarding th Alleged Counterfeiters.

Philadelphia, April 26.-Secret Service Chief Wilkie is authority for the statement today that of the eight men arrested in connection with the recent counterfeiting exposure, Jacobs, Kendig, Burns, Taylor, Bredell, and Downey will plead guilty. This will leave Messrs. Newitt and Ing-ham, charged with bribery, to stand trial Cigar dealers in this city are pleased and interested at the news from Washington that the Internal Revenue Department contemplates extending to them some re-lief for the losses they might sustain by their purchases of cigars from Jacobs. The paper used in printing the bogus stamps appears now to have been made by

a Chambersburg paper maker.

Chief Wilkie today expressed some regret that the source of the counterfeit paper has been made public. An examination of the books kept by Jacobs shows that he used bogus stamps amounting \$125,000

Cigara Seized at Erie. Erie, Pa., April 26.-Thousands of cigars on which the stamps were "off color" have seen seized in Erie stores and held for further inspection by internal revenue of-ficers. A consignment of 10,000 to John-ston & Brevillier, wholesale grocers, was

seized yesterday. Seisures at Portland. Ore. Portland, Oreg., April 26.-Twenty tho and cigars bearing counterfeit revenue stamps, have been seized here by revenue officers; also 35,000 in Seattle, and 24,000 at Tacoma. They are the product of the Ja-cobs factory, Lancaster, Pa.

Illegal Cigara Given Up. Harrisburg. Pa., April 26.-Witman, Schwartz & Co., wholesale grocers, of this city, turned over 250 illegally stamped ci-gars from the Jacobs factory at Lancaster to Deputy Revenue Collector Adams today. Other finds are expected.

The New York Seventy-first's Case. Albany, N. Y., April 26.-The governo nnounced today that after having gone over the evidence in the Seventy-first Regiment's case, he had concluded that Lieu-tenant Colonel Smith should be brought beore a board to determine his fitness to renain in the National Guard. The govern ays that the evidence against the ant colonel is very strong.

Fatal Explosion in a Boy's Pocket. Lancashire, Eng., April 26.-A fourteenyear-old boy was killed here today by an explosion in his pocket. The pocket, it was learned, contained among other things a charge of gunpowder, matches, and several scraps of iron.

Mr. Barrett Addresses Parliament. London, April 26 .- Mr. John Barrrett, former United States Minister to Siam, ecently arrived here from Mani'a, today addressed members of the House of Com-mons in a committee room of Parliament concerning the situation in the Philippines and the Far East.

FINDINGS IN THE MANITOBA BEEF CASE

Board of Survey Submits Its Report.

Government Held Responsible for

mdation That Swift & Co. Be Reimbursed-Ment Not Chemically Treated.

The Board of Survey appointed by the War Department, consisting of Col. James M. Moore, Col. Dallas Bache, Col. Francis L. Guenther, and Capt. Louis C. Scherer, examine into and report upon the responsibility for the loss of about 300,000 nds of refrigerated beef, the property of Swift & Co., of Chicago, shipped in the Manitoba, to ascertain and report if due and proper effort was made to ascertain the character and quality of the refrigerated beef referred to; to ascertain and report if it was good and fit meat for issue; if it had been subjected to any chemical processes whatever, and to report whether or

not the United States is responsible for the loss of the beef, and whether Swift & Co. should or should not be reimbursed for it, has made its report. The 300,000 pounds of beef referred to were shipped to Ponce, for the use of the troops under Major General Miles, two days after he telegraphed the department not 10 forward any more read as he could not to forward any more meat, as he could procure an ample supply from "off the

The Manitoba went to Ponce, and after it was learned that its cargo could not be disposed of, started back for Montauk Point, in hopes that the beef might be issued to the soldiers encamped at that place. Before arriving at New York, however, the beef rotted and was thrown overboard

by a board of survey.

The board to enquire into the responsibility for this action today made the following report of its findings to the Secretary of War:

"After a careful consideration of all the testimony relating to the second of the "After a careful consideration of all the testimony relating to the cargo of refrigerated beef shipped to Porto Rico by the transport Manitoba from the date of its inspection in the yards and warehouses of Swift & Co. in Chicago and Kannas City, July 25, 1898, to the date of action by the board of survey at Montauk Point, September 17, 1888, the board is of the following online.

ing opinion "First-That the beef was good and fit to issue when its arrival at Ponce, Por-to Rico, August 19, 1898, was reported to the proper military authorities, and that this condition continued after the release of the Manitoba from the reef on August 14, 1898, although there is reason to believe that the refrigeration was not satis-

factory during that interval.

"Second—That, notwithstanding the time and labor involved in unloading troops and animals from the Manitoba and in cleaning the ship up to and including August 18, 1898, due and proper effort was not made to issue this beef to the accessible troops between that date and August 25, 1898, the date of the departure of the Manitoba for Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

"Third—That this lack of effort was in the nature of an acquiescence in the arrangement aiready locally sanctioned for the purchase of native beef and in the reputed distrust of the refrigerated beef, but

thority and a responsible head of the Sub-sistence Department in Ponce under the difficulties attending a new military situa-"Fourth-That both at Mayaguez, August 25, 1838, to August 31, 1898, and at Ponce, between the date of the return of the Manitoba, August 3, 1898, and her departure for New York. September proper effort was made for the issue of this beef and that the meat was, in the

nion of the Board, still fit for is

lay primarily in the lack of controlling au-

"Fifth-That the meat had not been subjected to any chemical process whatever for its preservation.
"Sixth-That the loss of this beef was due to several causes: Possible deteriora-tion while the refrigerating plant was in-terrupted or disturbed August 10 to 14; exposure to high temperature from the time of loading on the transport to the date of issue at Mayaguez and after: deficient transport to troops; prejudice against its appearance under unfamiliar conditions, and delay. A month clapsed since the beef was dressed before it reached Mayaguez, where, for the first time, issues were made each day, adding to the difficulties. Finally, the distribution of the troops was such that under the cir-

cumstances great loss was inevitable in the absence of any refrigerator at the ports of entry. "Seventh—That the United States is responsible for the loss. The board is aware of an average wasinge in the issue of re-frigerated beef, a loss properly chargeable to the contractor, but the board is unwill-ing to fix any arbitrary figure for such a shipment as that of the Manitoba, handled under the adverse circumstances existing s established by the testimony and in the of reliable data. .-That Swift & C. be reimbursed

The heard construes the time limit in the contract with Swift & Co. to mean that the beef should remain sound for twenty-four hours after delivery to the issuing commissary, if properly protected, the seventy-two hour clause referring to intermediate

torage in land refrigerators. PREPARING ITS REPORT.

Beef Court of Enquiry Continues to Wreatle With Evidence. The members of the Beef Court of Enuiry spent the day in the preparation of the report which it is thought they will

It is understood that, though the address It is understood that, though the address of Major Lee in presenting the evidence tending to sustain the allegations of General Miles made a deep impression on the court, it has not swerved that tribunal from its purpose to find that the charges against army beef made by the Major General Commanding have not been sustained. against army ever make by the analytical eral Commanding have not been sustained. Colonel Davis, Recorder of the Court, an-nounced this afternoon that it had been found impossible to secure the depositions of Mr. Gottschalk, the retired chemist at Chicago, and Mr. Maloney, former altor-ney general for the State of Illinois. Major Lec, who represented General Miles during the public session of the Court, will make an effort on his own ac-

count to secure these depositions and to have them admitted in evidence.

Mr. Gottschalk, it is understood, was at one time employed by a firm of packers at Chicago as chemist, and is familiar with

the treatment and preservation of com-merical meats.

Mr. Maloney accompanied a regiment of

ar. Majoney accompanied a regiment of Illinois volunteers to Porto Rico on the transport Manitoba. He is said to possess valuable information concerning the character of the beef on that vessel. He has said that the beef was not in good condition when it was put on board the ship at Newport News, Va., and also that the refrigerating plant on shipboard was out of order.

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